

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, lines 3-11, please delete the paragraph, and insert therefor the following paragraph:

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--This application is is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/374,142, filed on August 11, 1999. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/546,119, filed on April 10, 2000, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,558,708 on May 6, 2003, and which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/420,046, filed October 18, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/359,583, filed on July 22, 1999, abandoned, which was a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/832,307, filed on April 3, 1997 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,977,175 on November 2, 1999, which was a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/442,843, filed on May 17, 1995, abandoned.--

At page 78, lines 27-30, please delete the paragraph, and insert therefor the following paragraph:

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--These data show that oleic acid slowed gut transit time and thus substantially increased the opportunity for absorption of food nutrients in the upper gut region in both normal and IBD groups. Thus, ~~the~~ in individuals having a SIBO a condition, treatment in accordance with the method ~~of~~ deprives the bacteria of much of the nutrient supply required for growth.--